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11. On February 26, Econoff delivered talking points on the WTO IT Agreement to the Department of Trade Negotiations (DTN) per reftel. DTN officials were unable to reply immediately, but later met collectively with representatives of the private and public sector to discuss the issue. Mr. Thitisesh Seshtabutra, assistant to DTN's Director, told Embassy that private sector participants in the meeting were fully in favor of the USG position, and RTG officials are prepared to issue a statement in Geneva in support of that position.

12. Thitisesh mentioned as well that the Thai Representative to the WTO plans to make a statement to reconfirm that Thailand's ongoing reform of harmonization codes to comply with WCO requirements will not impact their commitment to the ITA zero tariff agreement.
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